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State Department Views Relative to Current Distribution of
CIA Daily Summary.

1. During the course of an interview with Mr. Barnes, (Briefing Officer for the Secretary of State), which was held on 24 February 1948 in an effort to determine the views of the Secretary with reference to the Daily Summary (Project IB), Mr. Barnes stated very firmly that the Department is not pleased with the recent limited revision of distribution for the Daily Summary.

2. According to Mr. Barnes, the Department feels that distribution should not be below the policy and operations level and should not include the intelligence offices of the IAC agencies.

3. Mr. Barnes explained that under the current State Department policy of furnishing high level cables to CIA, situations arise whereby the Daily Summary contains policy level comment which the Department does not distribute internally, in some cases even to certain of its Assistant Secretaries. Under present distribution of the Daily Summary, this information is made available not only to intelligence offices of the Department, but to the opposite levels in the other IAC agencies.

4. Mr. Barnes referred to the letter of the DCI of 18 February to the Director of Executive Secretariat, Department of State, relative to the revised distribution. Barnes stated that although the Department does not concur with the contents of the letter, no reply is contemplated as the Department does not wish to give the impression of disagreeing with an apparent basic CIA concept as to who is eligible to receive the Daily Summary.

5. Mr. Barnes strongly intimated that the distribution of the Daily Summary indicates to the Department of State that CIA contemplates publishing an intelligence review rather than an operational and policy summary. Mr. Barnes indicated that future State Department dissemination to CIA might be guided accordingly.

6. Views of the Department as to format and editorial handling of the summary were generally favorable and will be discussed in full in the final report of the Adequacy Survey being conducted of recipients of the Daily and Weekly Summaries.

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